

Richmond Refinery LPS Alert – Safety

Chevron Employee Enters Confined Space On Expired Permit



IMPACT ERM: 24256

Location:

Richmond Refinery
Richmond, CA, USA

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Reference: Information

General Entry Confined Space
Permit

Incident Description:

On October 20, 2011, a Chevron employee was set to provide a final cleanliness inspection on F-1251 during the RLOP turnaround. There was an entry attendant and permit located at the opening to this furnace. The employee reported to the attendant for entry and signed in. The attendant removed the red tape over the confined space opening and then turned around to check the PPE Matrix packet. The employee, thinking it was OK, proceeded to enter. The attendant immediately asked the employee to come back out of the furnace. It was identified that the confined space permit had expired and the PPE identified for entry was incorrect. Both employees are Short Service Employees.

An investigation is in progress.

Immediate Actions Taken:

- 1) Employee notified their supervisor of the event immediately and the Supervisor called Chevron Fire Dept to assess the situation.
- 2) Safety stand down meetings were held to find out where process breakdown had occurred.
- 3) Issuing this LPS Alert to inform others that are performing similar work to check the entry permit prior to confined space entry (to include checking the expiration date on entry permits and entry PPE matrix requirements). Conduct an LPSA to understand the risk of entry and ensure mitigating actions are taken.

LOSS PREVENTION SELF-ASSESSMENT

BEFORE BEGINNING ANY ACTIVITY/TASK/JOB, AFTER A LOSS OR NEAR LOSS, ANY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:



ASSESS the risk!

What could go wrong?

What is the worst thing that could happen if something does go wrong?

ANALYZE how to reduce the risk!

Do I have all the necessary Training and Knowledge to do this job properly?

Do I have all the proper Tools and Personal Protective Equipment?

ACT to ensure loss-free operations!

Take necessary Action to ensure the job is done properly!

Follow written procedures! Ask for assistance, if needed!

DO NOT PROCEED UNLESS ALL RISKS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED!

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**Always remember to do
your LPSA.**